

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 07640 281101 Z

15

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ADP-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01

PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12 SCI-06 EB-11 OMB-01 SCEM-02

TRSE-00 RSR-01 /146 W

----- 073270

P R 281025 Z JUN 73

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2924

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEIRUT 7640

E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG ETRN IS SY LE

SUBJ: TAPLINE BREAK IN ISRAELI- HELD GOLAN HEIGHTS

SUMMARY: SERIOUS BUT APPARENTLY ACCIDENTAL TAPLINE
BREAK IN ISRAELI- HELD GOLAN HEIGHTS CLOSED PIPELINE
MID- DAY JUNE 27. HOPE RESUME PUMPING JUNE 30. THREE
GOVERNMENTS AND UN INFORMED, ASKED NOT TO PUBLICIZE.

1. TRANS- ARABIAN PIPELINE (TAPLINE) TODAY REPORTED
SERIOUS BUT APPARENTLY ACCIDENTAL BREAK IN PIPELINE A
FEW KILOMETERS FROM CEASEFIRE LINE IN ISRAELI- HELD
GOLAN HEIGHTS. BREAK OCCURED ABOUT 1300-1400 LOCAL
JUNE 27, BELIEVED CAUSED BY LARGE BULLDOZER OF
CONTRACTOR TO ISRAELI ARMY. TAPLINE BELIEVES BREAK
ACCIDENTAL BUT EXPECTS REPORT FROM ITS REPAIR SUPERVISOR
TOMORROW OR NEXT DAY. TAPLINE USING ISRAELI CONTRACTOR
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 07640 281101 Z

FOR REPAIRS.

2. BREAK CLOSED PIPELINE, WHICH WAS OPERATING AT CAPACITY, BUT TAPLINE HOPES TO RESUME PUMPING JUNE 30 AND ANTICIPATES NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS. SIDON EXPORT TERMINAL HAS STOCKS OF 100,000 TONS, NO SHIPS SCHEDULED TODAY. ASIDE FROM CAUSING RESCHEDULING SOME TANKERS, SHUTDOWN SHOULD CAUSE NO ILL EFFECTS IF LINE REOPENS JUNE 30.

3. TAPLINE HAS BRIEFED AUTHORITIES OF ISRAEL, SYRIA, LEBANON AND UN AND ASKED THAT BREAK BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL TO PRECLUDE DISTORTION.

4. BREAK CAUSED CONSIDERABLE SPILLAGE BUT TAPLINE DOUBTS SERIOUS POLLUTION WILL RESULT. AREA DRAINS TOWARD SYRIAN SIDE BUT IS UNINHABITED AND DRY THIS SEASON.
HOUGHTON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNNNMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 JUN 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BEIRUT07640
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730629/aaaajqaf.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Aug-2001 by kellerpr>; APPROVED <14-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> jms 980227
Subject: TAPLINE BREAK IN ISRAELI- HELD GOLAN HEIGHTS
TAGS: ENRG, ETRN, IS, LE, SY
To: DHAHRAN
JIDDA
KUWAIT
LONDON
NEA
SECSTATE WASHDC
TEL AVIV

TRIPOLI

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005